Concordia University Students' Association inc

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#### 27TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Scott White called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#### PRESENT:

#### Co-Presidents:

Ron Hiscox Michael Judson (6:45)

### Commerce:

Janice Domaratzki Robert Gauvin (6:50) Elizabeth Laett Jenny Rice (7:10) Shirleen Weekes

#### Engineering:

Andrew Haberl (6:45) Martin Pereira (6:45)

#### ABSENT:

#### Commerce:

Lorne Severs(W/E)

#### Engineering:

Dan Artola Jonathan Jolivet

#### Arts and Science:

Stephen Anderson (9:20) Maria Calderone (6:50) Adrian Chomenko Milva D'Aronco Carla Grodis Kathleen Harrigan Andy King Maki Kusano Chris Mostovac Mark Pink Heather Rerrie Karen Takacs

#### Fine Arts:

David Etherington David Swift

#### Arts and Science:

Jennifer Stark (W/E)

#### Fine Arts:

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Advisors to the Board Present: Brian Weihs, Finance V.P.; Joel Max Elkin, Liaison V.P.; Francois Desrosiers, External V.P.; Yael Lifshitz, Education V.P.; Martin Ranalli, Chairperson Judicial Board

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#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Scott announced the following changes in the Agenda:

Delete: Item 5.c) CUSACORP Report

Item 8.a) Executive Summer Salaries
Item 8.b) Mandate of Student Advocate

Add: Item 8.d) Ratification of Finance Committee

Item 6.a) Design Students Association Mandate

There were no objections to these changes.

AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED.

Scott then adjourned the CUSA Board of Directors Meeting in order to hold the CUSASET Annual General Meeting.

27th Board of Directors Meeting was re-convened at 7:20 p.m.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 26TH MEETING:

Yael stated that on Page 8 of the Minutes, it states that she is perfectly bilingual. She clarified this by saying that her courses are given in both English and French, and that she has a working knowledge of both languages.

MINUTES OF THE 26TH MEETING APPROVED AS AMENDED.

#### 4. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Scott White read a letter of resignation from Director Tim Baird.

He asked if all Directors had their mailboxes and asked that they check them at least once a week, perhaps twice. He announced that any Director not able to attend a meeting is required to submit a written excuse to either CUSA Secretary or to himself. He stated that he needed an Engineering and/or Commerce Director to sit on Steering Committee and asked if there were any volunteers. Andrew Haberl, Engineering; and Robert Gauvin, Commerce, both volunteered. He announced that he will be buying a copy of Roberts Rules for each Director in the near future. He also announced that in order to have items placed on the Agenda, it is required to go through Steering Committee. Scott also informed Directors as to how he would run the meetings, and briefed them on the various procedures.

#### 5. REPORTS:

### a). CUSASET Review Committee Report:

Scott mentioned that Chris Mostovac and Milva D'Aronco are the two

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current Directors who sat on the Review Committee. He stated that the Report was distributed at the last meeting, and asked if Directors had any questions, they should direct them to Chris or Milva.

MOTION # 173:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CUSA Board of Directors receive the CUSASET Review Committee Report at the 27th Meeting, held April 30, 1985.

> Moved by: Chris Mostovac Seconded by: Andrew Haberl

There were no objections to receiving the Report, UNANIMOUS.

#### b). ANEQ Report:

Francois Desrosiers distributed a written report concerning CUSA's actual position with ANEQ. Maria Calderone stated that at the January '85 meeting of this Board, Jeffrey Craig stated that perhaps a rep. from ANEQ could address this Board. She asked if this was still a feasible idea and Francois stated it's still possible, and before any action is taken this Board would have the opportunity to hear all sides. Maria then questioned Francois on whether or not the \$2000.00 has been given to ANEQ to pay the Researcher, and Francois stated that is has not yet been paid, and that it depends on ANEQ's agreement with this proposal. Francois stated that ANEQ seems to be unable to use funds in a responsible manner, and this must be rectified.

MOTION # 174:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CUSA Board of Directors receive the Report on ANEQ as submitted by François Desrosiers, External V.P., at the 27th Meeting, April 30, 1985.

Moved by: Maria Calderone Seconded by: Chris Mostovac

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#### c). Judicial Board Report:

Martin Ranalli, Chairperson, gave the following report on Case 8485-11 concerning Violation of MFZ.

Plaintiff: Gordon Ritchie

vs.

Respondent: The Link

Judicial Board ruled in favour of Plaintiff's Petition in that the Respondent did violate the MFZ Policy, legislated by referendum last year. The Plaintiff, at the time, was unaware that the ad they published

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was military-sponsored.

Since then, Respondent has adequately satisfied Plaintiff's request by publishing the appropriate policy.

The money received for the illegal ad will be donated to Alliance for Non-Violent Action.

Also, a Judicial Committee of Enquiry is being struck, consisting of Mr. Ritchie (Plaintiff), Mr. Hunt (Respondent), and a member to be selected by the Board of Directors. This Enquiry is being asked to recommend guidelines to be used in complying with the MFZ policy. These recommendations are to be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration.

#### 6. QUESTION PERIOD:

It was asked when the information on CUSACORP will be brought to the Board and Michael Judson answered that it will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

It was asked when the COP Candidates (i.e. Chairperson) will be up for ratification. Michael answered that it will also be at the next meeting.

The Chairperson of Judicial Board, Martin Ranalli, was questioned on why a graduate student is the Deputy Returning Officer for CUSA Member Associations and Clubs, and that this position should be filled by an undergraduate student, seeing as how CUSA represents undergrads, not grad students. Martin answered that the position is considered to be an employee, and as such, can be filled by a grad student.

#### a). Design Students' Association Mandate:

While this item did not go through the usual channel of Steering Committee, Scott stated that the situation arose quite suddenly, and some sort of action must be taken before Friday, May 3rd, when Fine Arts Faculty Council meets next. He gave the floor to Nancy Harrison, President of Design Students' Association.

Nancy Harrison stated that the Dean formed a Task Force to look into the Graphic Design and 3-D Design Programs. According to the Dean's Task Force Report, only one course would remain the same and that the two departments would be lumped together under one new Department - Design Art. Students feel the proposal goes against the course structure as it stands now. She also stated that there was insufficient student representation on the Task Force, that the recommendations contained in the report are biased, that the members of the Task Force hold too many positions within the Faculty of Fine Arts (thereby creating a conflict of interest), that the recommendations come at an inopportune time, that the current program is dynamic and the suggested program resembles that of UQAM (Concordia has an 80% employment rate after graduation, compared to a 20% employment rate at UQAM), that the majority of Design students oppose the report and the Dean has refused to hear students side, and that the recommendations are

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based on assumptions.

MOTION # 175:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA issue a letter in opposition to the revision of the Design Programs in light of the apparent procedural irregularities taken by the Dean's Task Force on the Department of Design.

> Moved by: Andy King Seconded by: Maki Kusano

#### Discussion:

It was asked what created the original Task Force and Nancy answered it came from ideological differences between Fine Arts and Design Students, i.e. Design is more commercially oriented as opposed to the goals of Fine Arts. It was asked if students sitting on a Task Force is a requirement or simply a courtesy. It was answered that there is no official policy, however, when a Task Force affects students, they should be consulted and the extent of their consultation with Design Students was about one half hour with Nancy Harrison. It was asked how many students the changes would affect. Nancy answered about 160 full time Graphic Design students and about the same (22 full time and the remainder part time) in the 3-D Design program. It was asked when the proposed changes would take effect, and Nancy answered December 1986. "Non-professionally oriented" is how the Faculty would like to see the Design department run. Nancy stated that the Design Students' Association needs the support of CUSA in order to be taken seriously.

It was asked by the Directors if they could hear the contents of the letter which will be sent to the Dean of Fine Arts. The letter has not been written yet, therefore, those responsible will write the letter and come back to the Board when it is finished. At that time, an amendment will be made to the original motion to include the text of the letter.

MOVE to table Motion # 175 to later in the meeting. UNANIMOUS

#### 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### a). Committee on the Status of Women:

Lynn Keays gave some background information on the issue and the Board moved to a Committee-of-the-Whole to discuss the matter and formulate a motion.

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MOTION # 176:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CUSA Board of Directors provide the Status of Women Committee with a Research Assistant, that this Assistant be paid an honorarium to be decided by Finance Committee based on the value of work done, the amount not to exceed \$ 2,500.00.

Moved by: Ron Hiscox Seconded by: Chris Mostovac

#### Discussion:

It was asked why the amount is to be decided by Finance Committee and also why the amount has a ceiling of \$ 2,500.00. It was answered that we support the idea of a research assistant and the idea of the position being paid, and this will be CUSA's contribution to the Status of Women Committee. Some Directors felt that Finance Committee should not decide the "value of work done".

AMENDMENT TO MOTION # 176:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Research Assistant will be an undergraduate student and will research issues directly relevant to undergraduate women.

Moved by: Karen Takacs Seconded by: Carla Grodis

#### Discussion on Amendment:

It was asked what would happen if the Research Assistant, while working under the supervision of the Advisor, had to research something which was not directly relevant to undergraduate women. It was felt that the position should not be so structured. It was felt that CUSA should look at this Committee as being a fair committee (i.e. serving all women), however, if we think that this amendment will ensure issues relevant to undergraduate women being researched, we should not waste the time and money in this position. It was felt that this Research Assistant should deal with relevant student issues, and it does not exclude any other issue.

MOVE to call the Question on the Amendment.

Moved by: Andrew Haberl Seconded by: Maki Kusano

VOTE ON CALLING THE QUESTION: 19/2/1

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO MOTION # 176: 8/14/1 DEFEATED

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2ND AMENDMENT TO MOTION # 176:

MOVE to add "undergraduate student" before Research Assistant and to delete "value of work done".

Moved by: Ron Hiscox Seconded by: Chris Mostovac

There were no objections to the Amendment. Therefore the Motion # 176 reads as follows:

MOTION # 176:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CUSA Board of Directors provide the Status of Women Committee with an undergraduate student Research Assistant, that this Assistant be paid an honorarium the amount to be decided by Finance Committee to a maximum of \$ 2,500.00

Moved by: Ron Hiscox Seconded by: Chris Mostovac

MOVE to call the Question .

Moved by: Milva D'Aronco Seconded by: David Etherington

VOTE ON CALLING THE QUESTION:

17/5/0

VOTE ON MOTION # 176 AS AMENDED:

19/0/4

CARRIED

At this time, the <u>Design Students Association Mandate</u> was brought back with the text of the letter to be sent to the Dean of Fine Arts:

It was decided to insert the letter by the following amendment:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the letter read as follows:

Moved by: Milva D'Aronco Seconded by: Maki Kusano

UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT.
Therefore, the Motion as amended reads as follows:

MOTION # 175:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA issue a letter in opposition to the revision of the Design Programs in light of the apparent procedural irregularities taken by the Deans' Task Force on the Department of Design, and;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the letter read as follows

We, the Board of Directors of the Concordia University Students' Association, Inc., support the Design Students' Association in their opposition to the procedural irregularities of the Deans' Task Force on the Department of Design in that:

- No student representation on the Task Force, ignoring requests from the official representatives of the Design Students' Association and alumni;
- 2. Insufficient consultation with Design Students' Association in that only 30 minutes was spent for a years review;
- 3. Lack of response to Design Students' Association interests on this issue.

We trust that you will give this matter your earliest attention. We would appreciate your reply by June 1, 1985 in order that we may further assist our fellow students in the Design programs.

Moved by: Milva D'Aronco Seconded by: Maki Kusano

MOVE TO CALL THE QUESTION.

Moved by: Robert Gauvin Seconded by: Maki Kusano

NO OBJECTIONS TO CALLING THE QUESTION.

VOTE ON MOTION #175 AS AMENDED:

UNANIMOUS

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS:

### c). Budget Cutback Task Force Report:

Ron stated that the Task Force Report was published in a special edition of the Thursday Report and that the Rector has asked for all responses to the Report to be in his office by Friday May 3rd. CUSA must come up with a position on this Report. We should decide what we would like to see the University do concerning their deficit. Should we work to getting rid of the deficit or should we accept deficit financing.

MOTION # 177:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA accept that Concordia operates on a deficit situation.

Moved by: Ron Hiscox Seconded by: Chris Mostovac 27TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PAGE 9
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#### Discussion:

If we vote to accept the deficit then we must decide what type of deficit we could live with. If we vote not to accept any deficit of any kind, then how soon do we want to reach zero deficit and how do we propose to attain zero deficit. Re: the increase in the deficit - is it increases in expenditures of is it due to cutbacks of government funding? Scott answered that it comes mostly from government cutbacks. It was stated that if the University goes too far into debt, then we could be shut down or put under trusteeship by the government. It was stated that all universities run under deficits and that they (the deficits) are all rising. Concordiants a reputation as being the most "cost efficient" university. The main concern of Directors, as students, is that the quality of education will be affected by the deficit situation and cutbacks. It would seem that the government's intention is to keep putting the knife to universities until such time as they can't cope with any more. Therefore, when no more cuts can be made, then revenues must be increased (fees) there's a constant trade-off between quality and accessibility. It would be political suicide for the government to increase fees, therefore they put the crunch on the university and make it the only viable solution. This Report contains some acceptable cut-backs, however others are not acceptable.

MOVE TO TABLE.

Moved by: Adrian Chomenko Seconded by: Andrew Haberl

VOTE ON TABLING:

12/5/1

CARRIED

MOTION # 178:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA hold a Special Emergency Meeting on May 1, 1985 to discuss the Budget Task Force Report.

Moved by: Adrian Chomenko Seconded by: Andrew Haberl

#### Discussion:

Perhaps we could have a sub-committee of the Board to discuss the Report.

MOVE to call the Question.

Moved by: Andrew Haberl

Seconded by: Chris Mostovac

VOTE ON CALLING THE QUESTION:

17/1/1

CARRIED

VOTE ON MOTION # 178:

11/10/0

CARRIED

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#### MOTION # 179:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT if there is no quorum at the Emergency Meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 1985, that those Directors present constitute an Ad-Hoc Committee to deal with the Report of the Budget Cutback Task Force and that the position taken by the Ad-Hoc Committee is the position of the Board of Directors of CUSA.

Moved by: Milva D'Aronco Seconded by: Karen Takacs

VOTE ON MOTION # 179:

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# d). Finance Committee Ratifications:

Brian Weihs stated that he has a list of 10 Directors who have expressed an interest to sit on Finance Committee.

MOTION #180:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratify the following Directors to sit on Finance Committee for 1985-86:

Adrian Chomenko
Carla Grodis
Mark Pink
Jennifer Stark
Karen Takacs
Robert Gauvin

Elizabeth Laett Jenny Rice David Swift Brian Weihs Michael Judson Ron Hiscox

Moved by: Andrew Haberl Seconded by: Martin Pereira

## Discussion:

Maria feels that if 12 people will help to pass budgets then it is good, however, if it is going to hinder the process, i.e. too much discussion from too many people, then she feels that 12 people is too much. Scott pointed out that if people resign, then quorum is reduced. Some felt that the committee should be given a chance to see if the situation will work.

MOVE to call the question.

Moved by: Andrew Haberl Seconded by: Martin Pereira

VOTE ON CALLING THE QUESTION:

16/4/0

CARRIED

VOTE ON MOTION # 180:

20/1/0

CARRIED

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### 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

# a). Orientation and Priorities Conference:

Robert Gauvin stated that Milva D'Aronco and Jenny Rice have been helping him with the arrangements for the OPC Weekend. It will be Saturday May 18th to Monday May 20th. They handed out a list of necessities for each person to bring and Robert asked that all those coming pay him the \$10.00 registration fee as soon as possible. Milva stated that the emphasis will be on group dynamics and participation as there is only so much information that a person can absorb in one weekend.

# 10. TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

Scott stated that Steering Committee will meet to decide the next meeting and all Directors are asked to check their mailboxes in a week or so.

Before adjournment, Milva D'Aronco asked that the following motion be entertained.

MOTION #181:

WHEREAS Miss Peggy O'Neill has been acting as CUSA Board of Directors Secretary for the last few years, and;

WHEREAS Miss O'Neill is moving onward in life's long road of changing endeavors, and;

WHEREAS this is Peggy's last meeting with us as secretary;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a loud applause be given to her on behalf of the Board with three cheers for her good work.

Moved by: Milva D'Aronco Seconded by: Jenny Rice

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Peggy O'Neill expressed her thanks to the Board and wished them all the best of luck in their future endeavours.

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### 11. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVE to adjourn the 27th Meeting of the Board of Directors of CUSA at 11:55 p.m.

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Scott White, Chairperson

Peggy Over 1, Recording Secretary